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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 05/17/2004**

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2004 and is within the three month period for reply.